

## **New Hampshire Fleet Recognized for Carbon Reduction Efforts**

The City of Nashua is among seven New England fleets selected as "Northern Stars of New England" by the New England Clean Cities Coalitions, for the city's efforts in cutting carbon emissions, reducing the use of petroleum, and promoting and utilizing alternative fuels to power their vehicles.

Nashua, along with the City of Boston Massachusetts, Greater Portland Transit District (METRO), Oakhurst Dairy in Maine and New Hampshire, the University of Vermont, Newport Biodiesel in Newport, Rhode Island and Malloy Energy in Cumberland, Rhode Island were chosen for their deep commitment to the goals of the Clean Cities program through use of alternative fuels, alternative fuel vehicle purchasing, and petroleum reduction practices.



L to R: John Stewart, Nashua Fleet Manager; Lisa Fauteux, Public Works Director; Dolores Rebolledo, Granite State Clean Cities, and Felice Janelle, NHDES.

The Northern Stars of New England program was developed by Clean Cities Coalitions in New England to acknowledge the efforts of transportation fleets with effective petroleum reduction strategies. Lisa Fauteux, Director of Public Works, and John Stewart, Fleet Manager accepted the award on behalf of the City. The Northern Stars program was funded through a U.S. Department of Energy grant that focused on reducing barriers to the proliferation of alternative fuels.

There are nearly one hundred Clean Cities Coalitions around the country whose purpose is to help reduce the use of petroleum in transportation, cut vehicle emissions, and promote petroleum reduction strategies. The designation as a Northern Star requires that the fleets be a stakeholder in their local Clean Cities Coalitions and that they meet a list of petroleum reduction criteria.

The Northern Stars program is just one of the ways Clean Cities coalitions promote the use of alternative fuels in fleets. More information on the Northern Stars program can be found on the Vermont Clean Cities Coalition website at <a href="https://www.uvm.edu/vtccc">www.uvm.edu/vtccc</a>.









